

**CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Highlights**  
**October 9, 2001**

**Location**

N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ

**Attendees**

See attached attendance list.

**2001 Public Hearing Topic**

The date chosen for the Public Hearing was December 10, 2001, 4:30 – Public Testimony; to be held at the Holiday Inn (Monroe), Jamesburg, NJ. At this point it was suggested we change that date to the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, or 13<sup>th</sup>, of December rather than the 10<sup>th</sup>, which is a Monday night. The opinion being that we would have a better turnout on a day other than Monday. Ursula Montis said she would look into changing the date.

Pat Matarazzo will give the opening statement to start the proceedings. There should be a presenter and then questions would be opened to the public. L. Mason Neely suggested we have a controversial speaker. The Mayor of Bound Brook was brought up and turned down, because the problems were caused by the “rising of the river” and did not apply in this instance. A suggestion was made to ask Joe Marazitti, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, to present. Kerry Kirk Pflugh will coordinate this. If he is unable to make it, Kerry will ask him to recommend someone. Kerry will also ask someone from DEP to speak on Stormwater Management.

Ed Wengryn stated that the opening statement should emphasize how Stormwater affects our water quality, with the focus on **existing development**.

Council commented that the questions prepared for the Public Hearing brochure were excellent. Changes to the brochure will be made and the finished product e-mailed to Ed Wengryn for his approval.

Suzanne Dice-Goldberg volunteered to come to the Public Hearing as facilitator. She would moderate the meeting, keeping the people from straying from the pertinent issues.

### **DEP UPDATE - TMDL Process**

DEP is still negotiating with EPA concerning the whole process. There will be a meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the EcoComplex. The topic of discussion will be TMDL's and how to address that within the different regions of the state. Invitations have gone out to the Lead Entities to meet and go over the TMDL process and the way the Stakeholders will be involved in that process as opposed to what scientific studies will be taking place. Within the different regions there are Technical Advisory Committees being set up. These Committees are being charged with making recommendations to the Department. Within each region there will be a person that will be assigned the TMDL process and they will develop a work plan. The work plan will be shared with the Stakeholders and then it will go to the Ecocomplex; a committee of 13 individuals (academics and consultants, etc) who will review the work plan. They will make a decision as to whether or not the process describing that work plan is sufficient to meet the TMDL's, or whether additional research study is needed. TMDL's are due from 2002-2010.

Pat Matarazzo indicated that there are two renditions of TMDL's from EPA. We are going with the existing 303D listing. In our present Water Quality Standards, we have to show an impairment of use. That will be the criteria to develop TMDL's.

### **CWC 2002 Seminar**

In the past, Commissioner Shinn makes a State of the State Address and speaks on what is going on in all the different Departments. The most successful Seminar proved to be one where they gave an overview and then ran five parallel workshops. People signed up for the ones they were interested in, then they would come back with questions on what they learned. This gives the Department a chance to deal with, on a workshop basis, some of those issues, which they would want to work through. The audience would consist of the Planning Board people, County staff, and local officials.

### **Watershed Awareness Month**

Kerry Kirk Pflugh announced that May is Watershed Awareness Month. A full day is planned with speakers from the different Watershed Regions, who will talk about and explain their 319 projects, or whatever projects they are working on. There will be a luncheon, at which the annual Watershed Awards will be given out. In the afternoon, there will be hands on activities such as; Watershed tours, stream bank restoration, storm drain markings, etc.

Ed Wengryn suggested that the opening presentation really needs to focus on what DEP really expects of Watershed Management. We need to hear from the stakeholders on what plans worked or didn't work for them, in their different regions.

Tony McCracken suggested CWC sponsor or Co-host this event with DEP. This will be considered.

### **Open Discussion**

Kerry Kirk Pflugh announced that as of September 17, 2001, pre-proposals for 319 Grants were due and received by DEP. There are many excellent projects and it will be hard to decide where monies will go. Final projects have to be in by middle of November.

Ray Zabihach suggested that, due to the fact that there are so many excellent projects, this may be an incentive to ask for more financial support.

Pat Matarazzo commented on the fact that attendance for CWC meetings has been very low. He will look into seeing what can be done about this.